

Review Staff: 76/0017/1
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Mr. A. Searle Field
Staff Director
Select Committee on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Field:

In a letter of 5 January, Ms. Sheketoff asked for all projects associated with eight digraphs she had selected at random from a list supplied in response to an earlier request. She asked that the years 1970, 1972 and 1974 be covered. The purpose behind this request, as she explained it, was to run a sort of comparative "check" on how the Agency was operating in those years, under different Directors. It was pointed out to Ms. Sheketoff that this was not a fruitful avenue of inquiry, but the request has been received.

The Review Staff has learned that to answer the request, five cabinets of record cards in the CRYPTO/PSEUDO Register would have to be hand searched (150,000 to 200,000 cards) because the cards are not filed alphabetically by digraph. Once the cryptos using the eight digraphs had been selected out, the component which had been assigned the use of the digraph would have to be queried as to the meaning of each crypto. In four cases of the eight, the digraphs have been assigned to other elements of the Intelligence Committee, and these organizations would have to be queried as to the use to which they had put the digraphs. To answer the request as it now stands would take longer than the remaining life of the House Select Committee.

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